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(C) Acting PolCouns delivered reftel demarche to Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) Joint Secretary Gaitri Kumar July 12. Kumar, who was well aware of the excessive airspace claim due to repeated discussions with PolOff throughout May and June 2007, indicated that the Government of India had not yet formulated an official response to the U.S. position. Kumar stated that she would defer to agencies of the Ministry of Defence to resolve the issue.